

App. No. 09/735,027
Amendment Dated: June 28, 2004
Reply to Office Action of March 26, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Office Action mailed March 26, 2004 has been received and the Examiner's comments carefully reviewed. Claims 9-13 and 17-21 are rejected. Claims 14-16 are objected to by the Office Action. Claims 1-13 and 17-29 have been canceled. For at least the following reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

Election/Restrictions

In response to the election requirement, Claims 1-8 and 22-30 have been canceled.

Claim Rejections

Claims 9-13 and 17-21 were rejected by the Office Action under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by US 5,623,608 (Ng). In response, Claims 9-13 and 17-21 have been cancelled.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In response, Claim 14 was amended to include the limitations of base Claim 13.

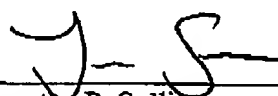
In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is

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respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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